

1 (b) SUBMISSION OF RESULTS.—The judicial pro-
2 ceedings panel shall include the results of the reviews and
3 assessments conducted under subsection (a) in one of the
4 reports required by section 576(c)(2)(B) of the National
5 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public
6 Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 1760).

7 **SEC. 546. DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGA-**
8 **TION, PROSECUTION, AND DEFENSE OF SEX-**
9 **UAL ASSAULT IN THE ARMED FORCES.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
12 shall establish and maintain within the Department
13 of Defense an advisory committee to be known as
14 the “Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation,
15 Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the
16 Armed Forces” (in this section referred to as the
17 “Advisory Committee”).

18 (2) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The
19 Secretary shall establish the Advisory Committee not
20 later than 30 days before the termination date of the
21 independent panel established by the Secretary
22 under section 576(a)(2) of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law
24 112–239; 126 Stat. 1758), known as the “judicial
25 proceedings panel”.

1 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Committee shall
2 consist of not more than 20 members, to be appointed by
3 the Secretary of Defense, who have experience with the
4 investigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of
5 sexual assault offenses. Members of the Advisory Com-
6 mittee may include Federal and State prosecutors, judges,
7 law professors, and private attorneys. Members of the
8 Armed Forces serving on active duty may not serve as a
9 member of the Advisory Committee.

10 (c) DUTIES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee
12 shall advise the Secretary of Defense on the inves-
13 tigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of
14 rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault, and other sex-
15 ual misconduct involving members of the Armed
16 Forces.

17 (2) BASIS FOR PROVISION OF ADVICE.—For
18 purposes of providing advice to the Secretary pursu-
19 ant to this subsection, the Advisory Committee shall
20 review, on an ongoing basis, cases involving allega-
21 tions of sexual misconduct described in paragraph
22 (1).

23 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than March 30
24 each year, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the
25 Secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Serv-

1 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-
2 port describing the results of the activities of the Advisory
3 Committee pursuant to this section during the preceding
4 year.

5 (e) TERMINATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
7 graph (2), the Advisory Committee shall terminate
8 on the date that is five years after the date of the
9 establishment of the Advisory Committee pursuant
10 to subsection (a).

11 (2) CONTINUATION.—The Secretary of Defense
12 may continue the Advisory Committee after the ter-
13 mination date applicable under paragraph (1) if the
14 Secretary determines that continuation of the Advi-
15 sory Committee after that date is advisable and ap-
16 propriate. If the Secretary determines to continue
17 the Advisory Committee after that date, the Sec-
18 retary shall submit to the President and the congres-
19 sional committees specified in subsection (d) a re-
20 port describing the reasons for that determination
21 and specifying the new termination date for the Ad-
22 visory Committee.

23 (f) DUE DATE FOR ANNUAL REPORT OF JUDICIAL
24 PROCEEDINGS PANEL.—Section 576(c)(2)(B) of the Na-
25 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013

1 (Public Law 112-239; 126 Stat. 1760) is amended by in-
2 serting “annually thereafter” after “reports”.

3 **SEC. 547. CONFIDENTIAL REVIEW OF CHARACTERIZATION**
4 **OF TERMS OF DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS OF**
5 **THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE VICTIMS OF**
6 **SEXUAL OFFENSES.**

7 (a) CONFIDENTIAL REVIEW PROCESS THROUGH
8 BOARDS FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS.—The
9 Secretaries of the military departments shall each estab-
10 lish a confidential process, utilizing boards for the correc-
11 tion of military records of the military department con-
12 cerned, by which an individual who was the victim of a
13 sex-related offense during service in the Armed Forces
14 may challenge the terms or characterization of the dis-
15 charge or separation of the individual from the Armed
16 Forces on the grounds that the terms or characterization
17 were adversely affected by the individual being the victim
18 of such an offense.

19 (b) CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES
20 IN CONNECTION WITH OFFENSES.—In deciding whether
21 to modify the terms or characterization of the discharge
22 or separation from the Armed Forces of an individual de-
23 scribed in subsection (a), the Secretary of the military de-
24 partment concerned shall instruct boards for the correc-
25 tion of military records—